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YOUNG HARRIS

ARMSTRONG

10	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	12
	YOUNG HARRIS (11-15)	0	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	10	11	2	
	ARMSTRONG (16-8)	1	0	1	1	0	2	4	3	0	12	17	0	







Posted: Mar 23, 2013

**SAVANNAH, Ga.** - The Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball squad overcame a 6-1 deficit and more than a three-hour rain delay to knock off Young Harris College, 12-10, completing a Peach Belt Conference series sweep of the Mountain Lions on Saturday at Pirate Field.

The Pirates (16-8, 8-6 PBC) notch their first league series sweep of the year in the first matchup for the PBC newcomer Mountain Lions (11-15, 2-13 PBC) between the two schools. But it took a little help from mother nature for the sweep to happen.

Starting the game at 10:30 a.m. in an effort to beat the impending rainshowers, Armstrong took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning on **Chase Butler's** RBI double that scored **Casey Maloney**. Young Harris answered with a six-run second inning, sending nine men to the plate to take a 6-1 lead. Adam Moore had the big blow of the inning with a three-run triple.

Armstrong started chipping away at the lead in the third inning with a **Clayton Miller** RBI single, then a fourth-inning on a

BATTING
YOUNG HARRIS
2B: Adam Moore; Jack Morrow; Dom Wyshinski; Tom Valichka
3B: Adam Moore
HR: Adam Moore
ARMSTRONG
2B: <b>Chase Butler</b> 2
3B: <b>Casey Maloney</b>
HR: none

FULL STATS

double play ball made the score 6-3.

When Jack Morrow led off the top of the sixth inning, the game was halted for lightning, and soon after rains started to fall over Pirate Field. After a three hour and 24 minute rain delay, though, weather cleared allowing the game to continue.

**Juan Vera** (4-2) entered the game for the Pirates and stranded Morrow at second, then the comeback began for Armstrong.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, an RBI single by Butler and a bases-loaded walk to **R.J. Dennard** made it a 6-5 score. Moore added a solo home run in the top of the seventh to stretch the lead back to 7-5 for Young Harris, but the Pirates plated four runs in the bottom of the seventh - keyed by a two-run single by Miller - to take the lead at 9-7.

Armstrong added some needed insurance in the eighth inning with three runs on a suicide squeeze bunt by **Will Thomas**, an error and an RBI single by Dennard to make it 12-7.

Young Harris put together a late rally in the ninth, plating a run with an RBI single by Spencer Thomas and getting a two-run double from Moore to bring the tying run to the plate, but Chase Butler retired the final two batters for his fourth save of the season.

Vera hurled 3 1/3 innings of four-hit ball, giving up four runs to notch the win in relief for the Pirates. James Mills (1-2) took the loss for the Mountain Lions, giving up four hits and four unearned runs in 1 2/3 innings of work, walking one while striking out one.

The Pirates turned three double plays defensively in the game as Young Harris left just two runners on base, compared to 14 for Armstrong.

Thomas went 3-for-3 for the Pirates with an RBI, while Butler went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and Maloney went 3-for-4 with three runs scored.

Moore ended up a single shy of the cycle as he led the Mountain Lions on the day by going 3-for-3 with a double, a triple, a home run and six RBIs.

Armstrong returns to action on Friday, March 29, visiting Francis Marion for a 7:00 p.m. Peach Belt Conference contest in Florence, S.C.



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